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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Tension-varying slider for a set of three slats

the specification of which (check only one item below):

_____ is attached hereto.

X was filed as United States Application No. or as PCT International Application No.

_____ on November 25, 2003 and was amended on

_____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to the examination of this application as defined by 37 CFR 1.56.

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I hereby claim foreign or domestic priority benefits under 35 USC 119 or 365(b) for any United States provisional patent application or foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or under 35 USC 365(a) for any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY/APPLICATION NO. (if PCT, indicate "PCT")	DATE OF FILING (day/month/year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119
France 0215117	02/12/2002	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PCT/US APPLICATION NO.	PCT/US FILING DATE	PATENTED	PENDING	ABANDONED
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POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

I hereby appoint the following attorneys at the address listed below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive all correspondence in connection with this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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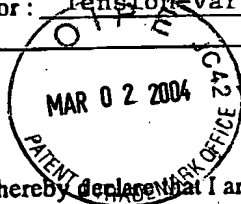
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Applicant or Patentee: Jacques LOBRY et al Docket No.: _____
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 For: Tension-varying slider for a set of three slats



VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
 (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN)

I hereby declare that I am:

- () the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 (x) an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, DOES NOT EXCEED 500 PERSONS. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled TENSION-VARYING SLIDER FOR A SET OF THREE SLATS

by inventor(s) Jacques LOBRY, Jean-Jacques BONNEFOY, Christophe TAT and described in:

- () the specification filed herewith
 (x) application serial No. _____, filed November 25, 2003
 () patent No. _____, issued _____

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: SEPARATE VERIFIED STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED FROM EACH NAMED PERSON, CONCERN OR ORGANIZATION HAVING RIGHTS TO THE INVENTION AVERRING TO THEIR STATUS AS SMALL ENTITIES (37 CFR 1.27).

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() See attached sheet for additional person(s), concern(s) or organization(s).

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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